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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Application No.: **09/978,261**Examiner: **LU, Frank Wei Min**Filed: **October 15, 2001**For: **NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION METHODS**Date: **January 26, 2007**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The following checked sections apply to this Information Disclosure Statement:

- In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii) as revised at 69 Fed. Reg. 56481 (September 21, 2004), copies of the cited U.S. patent application publication(s) and/or U.S. patent(s) have not been submitted.
- The cited reference(s) were called to Applicant(s) attention in a counterpart foreign patent application. A copy of the official communication in that counterpart foreign patent application citing the reference(s) is submitted herewith, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited art.
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of any of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and so is accompanied by one of:

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Additional Comments

Applicant(s) have the following additional comments:

U.S. Patent No. 5,942,391 was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed October 22, 2002. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 5,414,320 cited in the report appears to be a typographical error as the applicant name and corresponding dates of the patent do not match with the patent number.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08A and/or B, PTO-1449, or equivalent) be returned to the undersigned indicating that such information has been considered.

Other than any fees mentioned above, no fees are believed to be due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which are deemed to be now or hereafter due in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicant(s) attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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		5,567,583	10/1996	Wang et al.			
		6,287,772	09/2001	Stefano et al.			
		6,355,431	03/2002	Chee et al.			
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